

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's Plea for Universal Suffrage.

From the New York Papers of to-day.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher delivered last evening, in the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the first of a course of lectures on national affairs, to be delivered under the auspices of the Brooklyn Fraternity, taking for his subject "Universal Suffrage."

Whether from a surfeit of the subject, or from the fact that a dollar for reserved seats and fifty cents for ordinary seats were considered too much for the proposed entertainment, it is true that the lecture, in a pecuniary point, was a decided failure.

I propose to speak to you tonight upon the subject of universal suffrage. I mean that every citizen who has attained the age of manhood, as he has an interest in the welfare of his country, and the support of the State and peace of society, has a right to influence the State and its policy, and to express that influence in the potential manner implied in the vote.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE THE AMERICAN IDEA. And first, universal suffrage is but the carrying out to the full of the tendencies of our American history. At first, in New England, suffrage was confined to church members.

But suffrage is itself a powerful education. Consider what questions have been discussed in camp, in cottage, in the shop, in the meetings, in the papers; the rights of men, the rights of women, the rights of property, the rights of the State, the limits of war, the laws of trade, political economy.

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hold that the more she knows of things abroad, the better she is prepared to transact her duties at home, and the larger her influence the more it avails in every specific application of it.

GENERAL OR SPECIAL LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH. The Committee appointed by the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, to inquire and report to the House the value, location, and uses of the property exempted from taxation in the State of Pennsylvania, will meet on SATURDAY MORNING, February 16, 1867, at the Common Council Chamber in Philadelphia.

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